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# EDITORIAL

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I would have never believed it 9 years ago!

Yet things seem to be changing for the better. That is...the present Australian and many over seas Government Authorities, Doctors and even Scientist are now becoming helpful!

This is not to say the anti-ufo population has gone, far from it, as they are still the most vocal of the two types of Scientist etc, and because of their University qualification the unsure public and authorities still seem to be favouring the qualified critic before the qualified ufologist.

But as I said, change is in the wind as the less abrasive and the more concerned, listen and assist us in our task, quietly and without fan fare or publicity.

And not before time!

I guess it had to happen after all, as every year hundreds of new young minds graduate out of University around the world.

These young minds, less stifled then the last lot that graduated, and completely different to the graduates of say 1978, are asking more questions and criticising UFOLOGY less!

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Science and Research every day proves how wrong we were about something that only yesterday was regarded as a FACT in school and University text books.

I have at home 4 different sets of ENCYCLOPEDIA ,83 VOLUMES in total. One as old as 1955 and the younger of the four aged just last year 1987.

And although some things never change each 4 sets are very very different ,either with new information, facts, data, ideas, research and DISCOVERY.

Even the once dreaded press and T.V. have been helpful and this was noticed to my great pleasure as we investigated the KNOWLES FAMILY ENCOUNTER in Western Australia.

The ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE communicate and send reports to us now....and may I say...helpful in every way. We have at this point in time a number of authorised Air Force personnel who assist us in the search.

These young minds brought up on NASA, APOLLO, SPACE SHUTTLE, COMPUTERS and the genius of them all Director Steven SPIELBERG.

If you need any more proof that change is in the wind, then even very expensive and very popular T.V. programs, that have critical rating and advertising objectives such as DALLAS and MIAMI VICE just months ago had serious dialogue with a UFO!

At least 5 major T.V. advertisements for major companies over the past few months have using UFOs as there story line in there advertisements.

Extraordinary at the best of times but for conservative high profit companies with millions of dollars worth of products to sell the risk of ridicule must have disappeared and the UFO now seems acceptable in some form.



These programs enter the rooms of millions of people every day, when they go to air, and therefor are seen by these YOUNG MINDS.

And final proof for the die hards!

One of Australian most popular Magazines, supremely conservative and super cautious, THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY, issue OCT 1988, went to press with a 3 page article called "UFO'S - CLOSE ENCOUNTERS IN AUSTRALIA".

This article is featured in this edition of our Magazine.

Yes, just when some people thought that Life and the Universe were predictable, along came CHANGE and DISCOVERY!

Then again....."WHY NOT!"

JOHN AUCHETTL

## DISCUSSION NIGHT

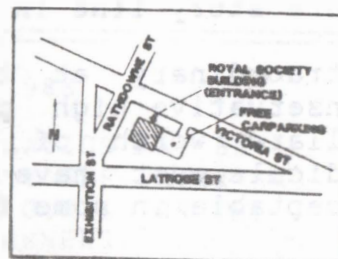
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## PRESS:

### Missing pilot's cash for parents

By SUSAN BAMBER

THE parents of missing Melbourne pilot Frederick Valentich will finally get control of their son's bank account — 10 years after he disappeared over Bass Strait.

Valentich's father, Guido, of Avondale Heights, has been trying for several years to get access to his son's account, which holds \$3500.

But, according to the Commonwealth Bank, where Frederick's account was held, Mr Valentich could not claim his son's account without proof of his death.

The 20-year-old pilot vanished on October 21, 1978, while on a flight from Melbourne to King Island.

Valentich's disappearance, minutes after he reported his plane was being "orbited" by a "bright object", captured headlines around the world and prompted speculation that he was captured by a UFO.

His last words, radioed to Melbourne flight control were: "... that strange object is hovering on top of me again... it is hovering and it's not an aircraft."



● Frederick Valentich ... mystery.



● Guido Valentich ... access.

No trace has been found of the young pilot, nor of the Cessna aircraft he was flying.

Mr Valentich said he was told by bank officers the only way he could claim Frederick's account was to have him pronounced dead by the courts.

A Commonwealth Bank spokesman said yesterday the bank "accept a claim" from the Valentich family after Mr Valentich produced a Transport Department report on the aircraft disappearance, which listed Frederick as presumed dead.

### Martians welcome

RIO DE JANEIRO: A Brazilian city of 4000 people is so sure spacemen plan to drop in, it has built the world's first airport for flying saucers.

Called the Valley of the Dawn, the walled city is near Brazil's capital, Brasilia.

It is the home of a cult which claims to receive "healing rays" from an invisible spaceship hanging over them.

Celebrating its 25th year, the city is growing with a multi-racial population who wear cloaks, robes and veils in a style dubbed Prince Valiant after the American comic hero.

Inside the miracle city's religious temple, hundreds of sick people line up daily to be tended by 10 faith healers as white-cloaked women dance to imaginary music.

And twice a day, at noon and 3pm, inhabitants gather to absorb the "healing rays" from the invisible spaceship.

The cult claims 200,000 followers throughout Brazil.

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NEWS



# UFOs -CLOSE ENCOUNTERS IN AUSTRALIA?

Recent reports of unexplained phenomena have startled experts and fuelled vivid imaginations

**T**he summer night was clear and a ball of light was streaking across the sky over the Adelaide Hills. Dr Peter Turnbridge, GP, had just finished recharging his video camera and took it with him when his wife, Lyn, called him outside their Summertown home to take a look into the sky.

As he watched the strange light dancing on the horizon, Peter joked that these things never seemed to come near when you had a camera in your hand. But then the strange object zoomed towards them and seemed to be beaming a light in their direction. The couple's five-year-old son, Guy, said, "Daddy, all the hairs are standing up on the back of my neck."

Could the eerie light have been a UFO — a spaceship carrying aliens on a study trip to planet Earth? Or was it just some climatic phenomenon — rare, but not supernatural?

Nearly a year later, Peter, who holds a science degree as well as his medical qualifications, still doesn't know. He doesn't believe in flying saucers, or little green men, or that he's had a "close encounter" with visitors from outer space.

But still, there are things about that night which he can't explain.

There were no planes in the area at the time and the light was travelling erratically — racing from here to there and, at one stage, just hovering.

Stranger still is what happened when Peter tried to film the light. His newly charged camera battery should have lasted for two hours. Instead, it went flat just 60 seconds after the tape started rolling.

"Energy drains" are often associated with UFO sightings. Usually, it's car engines which suddenly die, only to restart as soon as the UFO has disappeared. Researchers point to them as proof of aliens at work. But Peter's not so sure, even though he admits he has no idea what it was he managed to film in those 60 seconds.

"It was a very, very bright white light in the sky — a light which didn't have any shape," he said. "It moved very, very fast and, when you slow the tape down to single frames, the object has almost a plasma-like appearance. It looks like a ball of energy. I don't consider it to be a flying saucer, but I don't know what it was."

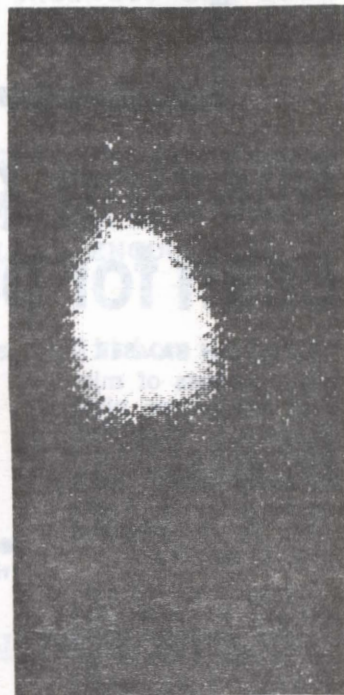
Such UFO reports have been flourishing since the 1940s when an American man claimed to have seen in the sky glowing shapes, which looked "like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water".

With that, "flying saucers" were born and were soon being spotted all over the world.

Reports have grown more and more intriguing with the years. From sightings of airborne flashing lights, people now tell of huge, fast-moving shapes

tracking cars or planes, and of patches of burned ground said to have been scarred by landing craft. These days, there are tales of abductions by aliens, with people being examined, probed and sometimes even impregnated by extra-terrestrial beings.

But is there any fact in this apparatus of science fiction? Judith Magee, president of the Victorian UFO Research Society for 10 years and a member for 30 years, said, "We've got a body of evidence to show that they're real. I believe that, with some of the witnesses we've got — scientific people, pilots, air force personnel, police — you just can't write these things off as nonsense."



Dr Peter Turnbridge at the spot where the strange light came near him.

Colin insists, though, that there have been genuine sightings of UFOs. Each year, he receives between 45 and 60 reports worth investigating from South Australia alone. About two per cent of them seem to have no earthly explanation.

Last year was a particularly busy one, with seven "very good" local sightings, he said. One man reported a close encounter of the bone-chilling kind. Bronte Lloyd runs a mixed farming property near Jamestown, about 130km north of Adelaide. He said that on July 25 last year, at about an hour after sunset, he was working in a paddock when he saw a red flashing light in the sky. By the time he arrived back at his house, he found that a spaceship had landed and was parked under a tree.

"It was about 3.5m across and 2.3 or 2.5m high and round, with portholes on the side. It came down to a small square base and it had stabilisers at the side," he told *The Weekly*. Bronte claimed that he also caught a glimpse of a figure disappearing around the corner of his house. His three dogs started barking and then seemed to go mad.

Bronte's memories of what happened after that are confused. He remembers waking up in bed without knowing how he got there. He remembers hearing slow, shuffling footsteps moving around the house. But, by the time he woke up the next morning, the spaceship had gone.

Five days later, Senior Constable Peter Bates, of Jamestown police, went out to investigate Bronte's story. On the ground, he saw a faint border of flattened grass about the width of a car tyre and about 1.3m square.

And what did he make of the farmer's terrifying tale? "I've known Bronte for three years," he said. "I've got no reason to doubt him whatsoever."

Earlier this year, a Perth family made headlines when they claimed their car had been attacked by a UFO on the Nullarbor Plain. Faye Knowles and her sons Patrick, Wayne and Sean, said a

And Colin Norris, who runs the Adelaide-based Australian International UFO/Flying Saucer Research organisation, is also sure that aliens visit us regularly. "I think they've had us under observation for many years," he said.

Both researchers admit, though, that not every strange light in the sky is a visitor from outer space, and that people often get confused between natural phenomena and the "real" thing.

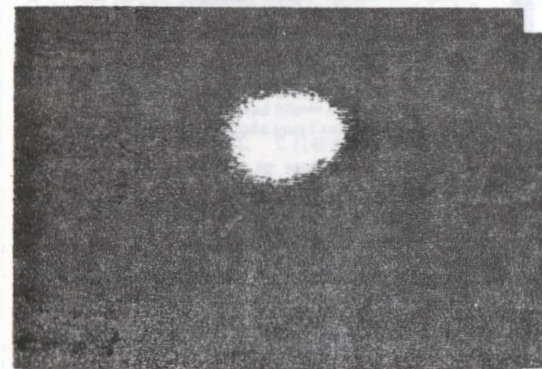
"The most common thing is aircraft. You'd be surprised how many people will see aircraft lights going across the sky and imagine it's a flying

saucer," Colin said. "Satellites are very often sighted, as well as planets rising and setting, particularly Venus, which can look the size of the Moon on occasion."

Other phenomena which can set people racing for their phones to report an alien invasion are weather balloons, unusual cloud formations, flocks of birds and even aerial mirages, he said. Under certain conditions, lights on the ground can be reflected in the clouds, so what looks like a UFO crossing the sky can actually be no more than the projection of some weary commuter's car headlights.

**'S**he went into a trance and saw an entity we didn't see'

Light sequence (left) captured by Dr Turnbridge.





# UFOs

glowing object shaped like an egg in an eggcup landed on the roof of their car, picked it up, shook it, and then threw it down again so violently that a tyre blew out. They jumped out of the car and hid behind a tree where, they said, the UFO couldn't find them — although it was looking! Afterwards, they discovered their car was covered with fine ash.

Experts later theorised that the UFO could in fact have been anything from a dry electrical storm to a crashing meteorite.

But Judith Magee is sceptical about these and other down-to-earth answers to UFO reports. "These explanations are usually made by armchair experts who never actually investigate," she said. Strange as the Knowles' story may sound to the uninitiated, Judith has heard stranger tales. One was the case of a woman named Maureen Puddy, who came to Judith and the Victorian society's vice-president, Paul Norman, for help some years ago



Judith Magee and Paul Norman: many stories can't be explained.

after she was contacted by aliens.

According to Judith, Maureen had been driving along the Mooraduck Road coming from the Melbourne bay-side suburb of Frankston one night when she saw a blinking light above her car. Looking up, she saw a huge object hovering over her and, just as she was wondering what it was — and how she was going to get away from it — the object sped off.

Several weeks later, in the same spot, the incident was repeated. Only this time her car engine went dead. She then received a number of telepathic messages, including an assurance that she shouldn't be afraid, a request that she should tell the media about her experience and, finally, that

she was back in control of the car. She turned the ignition key and the engine started right away. Later, she reported hearing voices asking her to return to "the meeting place" and contacted Judith and Paul.

"We went there with her," said Judith. "She had a psychic experience. She saw an entity which we didn't see and he wanted her to get out of the car and follow him. She then went into a trance and described the interior of the spaceship. She said that in the middle of a circular room there was a big object which had Roman numerals on it and that it kept moving. She kept saying, 'I can't get out, I can't get out'."

Today, the society has lost touch with Maureen Puddy and all their attempts to trace her have failed. Was she really receiving messages from aliens?

— JAN GOLDIE

## The RAAF and the green light

Runners in the RAAF Bicentennial super marathon from Darwin to Adelaide last May were spooked out by a mysterious green light spinning by the roadside in the inky darkness of an outback night, about 30 km south of remote Marla Bore, in the far north of South Australia.

The runner on the road, Sgt Bob Rohrig, of Adelaide, waved his arms about to indicate the light and the driver of the support vehicle, Squadron-Leader Owen Hammond, of the ACT, gasped, "What is that?" Beside him was health promotions and fitness officer Flying-Officer Lisa Dowling, of Tasmania. She had the stopwatch on Bob Rohrig, who was clocking a record average time of 3 min 12 sec per kilometre and wasn't about to stop.

Lisa says, "We looked to the left of the van and there was this really strange, fluorescent green light between one and two metres across, about 10 metres off the road and a couple of metres up in the air. It was rotating, like a wheel within a wheel, but not moving along. The light was in two concentric circles and inside the circles it was dark."

Leading Aircraftwoman Sharon Noyes, of Nowra, NSW, who had been resting in the van after running, looked out and saw the light and admits, "It scared me a bit, this big green light going round and round." As the van passed the spot she put her head out the window and watched it until it "just fizzed out."

The crew estimated that the light was there for about four minutes.

Squadron-Leader Hammond said he thought at first it was a light on a windmill, till he realised there was no wind. "I'd like to have gone over and had a look, but we couldn't stop," he said.

## The pilot who disappeared

Researchers point to the disappearance of a young pilot over Bass Strait as one of the clearest signs that UFOs visit Australia.

Ten years ago exactly, 20-year-old Frederick Valentich was flying from Melbourne to King Island when his single-engine Cessna simply vanished.

Minutes earlier, Frederick had reported by radio that his plane was being buzzed by a UFO. He described it as a fast-moving, long shape with lights on the outside. Then he said, "Unknown aircraft now hovering on top of me." He was never seen again.

Today his father, Guido Valentich, of the Melbourne suburb of Avondale Heights, still doesn't know what happened. But he believes there may be something to the UFO theory.

Firstly, there are Frederick's reports. Guido says his son was trying to qualify for a commercial pilot's licence at the time and would have been reluctant to report anything he wasn't sure about. It would have compromised his career.

Secondly, no wreckage or trace of a crash was found, despite an exhaustive search.

On top of that, 21 minutes before Frederick's experience on that night of October 21, 1978, Melbourne man Roy Manifold was taking pictures near Cape Otway, over which Frederick passed. When the film was developed, it showed what seemed to be a strange object shooting out of the water and flying into the sky.



# Drake miners duck a colourful UFO

All that glittered was not gold for gold mine manager Lee Rossetti on Thursday night.

Mr Rossetti is in charge of the Mount Carrington mine at Drake, between Casino and Tenterfield.

As he and construction company manager Mike Goethel drove from Drake to Casino early that evening, they observed an unidentified flying object.

Mr Rossetti, with a scientific and engineering background, is a methodical man who keeps a diary.

He noted later in his records that he and his colleague had seen the object at 6.40 pm.

It appeared to be a whitish-yellow stationary light over Casino, about 1000 feet (304 metres) above the town.

"We were about five kilometres west of Casino when we first saw it and we watched it as we neared the town," he said.

"I stopped the vehicle to watch, and we saw it change shape and colour to an aqua-green ball and it shot up to between 2000 and 3000 feet (609 and 914 metres) and headed west-south-west towards Tenterfield."

Mr Rossetti and Mr Goethel reported the UFO to Casino police, but that was the only report received by the police about the incident.

When Mr Rossetti arrived at the mine yesterday morning, he found that his chief geologist, who lives at Drake, had also seen a bright light in the direction of Casino on Thursday night.

CA ROY RUSSELL - NORTHERN STAR, LISMORE - 27th AUG 1988 NSW.

## SPECIAL REPORTS

With great thanks to FSR and their report on the KNOWLES FAMILY ENCOUNTER, it was brought to our attention through that report by PAT DELGADO, FSR CONSULTANT, that similar events were a CAR is effected by a UFO, have been recorded around the world.

We felt that these two referenced encounters should be reproduced for comparison while the Knowles Family Encounter is still fresh in our minds.

The two reports are reproduced in full and we trust they will be of some interest to you.





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# UFO LIFTS WOMAN'S CAR

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(Mutual UFO Network, Seguin, Texas)

At 8.50 p.m. on the night of October 15, 1983, Catherine Burk, 67, was driving home from Altoona, Pennsylvania, after visiting her family, when she encountered an unusual object in the sky. As she approached her turn-off to Bellwood, travelling north on Route 220, she describes seeing out of the passenger side window a bright, silvery disc, that was flat on top, about 24 feet in diameter, coming towards her from the south-east. The object was approximately 30 feet off the ground and emitted a "fast hum", that was "sharp" like the sound of a "helicopter landing". As the object passed over the top of her car, it lifted her 1976 Chevrolet Malibu up on two wheels. The left side of her car was lifted approximately two to three feet off the road and was held there while she was still going down the road for nearly three seconds. As Mrs.

Burk attempted to lean towards the passenger side of her automobile to bring it level again, the object moved away, dropping her vehicle back on the road with a terrific bounce. "I couldn't get control of the car. I was sliding over the seat," Mrs. Burk said, who ended up almost under the dashboard when the car came down. When Mrs Burk regained control of her vehicle, she pulled off the highway. The object moved north-west towards Bellwood as it disappeared behind the ridge. It took her 20 to 25 minutes to re-start her vehicle, and every time she had to stop on the way home, it cut out.

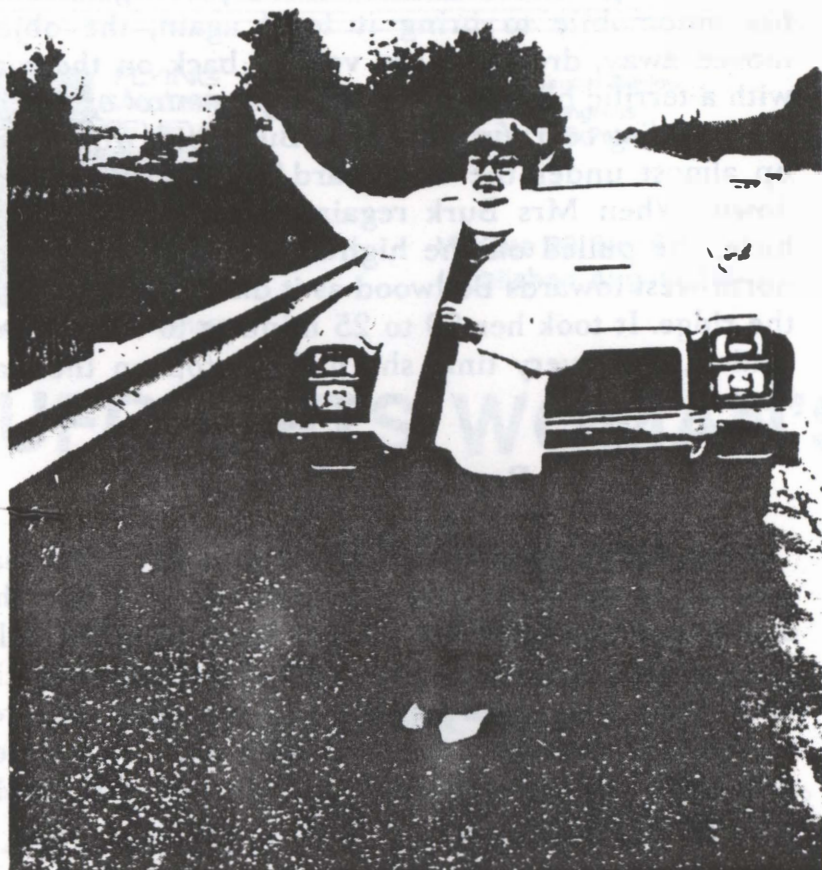
## Reported to Police

Mrs. Burk's daughter telephoned to her later that evening to see if she had got home safely. When she discovered how upset her mother was, she called Bellwood Police. Bellwood Police Chief Gregory Ciaccio took down Mrs. Burk's account of the affair, and reported that she was "visibly shaking and . . . was not drinking". Ciaccio reported that he saw no visible damage to the car.

I was the principal investigator of this case, for the Mutual UFO Network. I interviewed Mrs. Burk first on the telephone on October 26, 1983 and then had a personal visit with her on November 5, 1983. The witness appeared to me to be sincere and honest, and not the type of person to concoct this type of story. She doesn't watch movies or read books about UFOs, and was inclined to think that what she had observed was

"something the Government had constructed". Although there may have been other witnesses to the object in the Bellwood area, I have not yet located





Catherine Burk describes UFO encounter (Photo courtesy of Larry G. McKee)

any. However, Stan Gordon, MUFON's State Director for Pennsylvania, says similar type UFO reports have been made in this State over the past few months.

#### Injuries to witness

As a result of being jarred around in her car, Mrs. Burk is still being treated at Mercy Hospital in Altoona for a number of ailments. She was still wearing a neck brace on November 5, her shoulder was sore, she may have suffered spinal problems, she may have

chest injuries (X-Rays were taken) and her hearing is impaired in her right ear.

Mrs. Burk was employed as a telephone operator in a nursing home for 10 years, and currently works part time as a security guard for homes in the Sylvan Hills development in Altoona.

Mrs. Burk was frightened by her experience and now all she wants to do is to put the incident behind her.

This case has recently been examined in the MUFON JOURNAL, but I feel that it deserves a larger audience and will be of interest to readers of FSR.

We might conclude that this was an abduction or tele-  
portation attempt which for some reason or other mis-  
fired. Is it, however, *certain* that no time-loss  
occurred? EDITOR



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## A BRUTAL "TOUCH-DOWN"...

Jean-Louis Forest (Toulon, France)

(Translation from French by M.B.-D.)

I give below a detailed account of a case which occurred one night in 1971 in the Département of Var in the extreme south of France and which has never been revealed before. The witness has requested that his name shall not be divulged, and I am respecting his wish. Each detail of the affair should however be studied carefully, having its own particular importance.



THE witness, a French technician, employed in the Arsenal of the French Navy at Toulon, was residing in Toulon with his parents, but made the trip several times weekly in his *Citroen D.S.* car to visit his fiancée, who was on a training course in Nice, and back again from Nice to Toulon.

He would finish work in Toulon at 5.15 p.m. and set out at once for Nice, arriving there at about 7.30 p.m. He would then depart from Nice at midnight, reaching Toulon at about 2.00 a.m., in order to be ready to start his work again at 7.00 a.m.

On one of these evenings, as he was returning from Nice, he was on R.N. (National Highway) No. 97, and driving out of the little town Puget-Ville and towards Cuers. In that place the road runs very near to the Cuers Military Airfield.

### "The Orange Ball"

The time was about 1.30 a.m. He was listening to the *Paris-Inter* programme "*Route de Nuit*" on his car radio. Suddenly the radio began to crackle, and then it died. But his engine continued to run. He switched off the radio, thinking it was defective. After passing under a railway bridge of the SNCF just before entering a straight stretch of road which runs parallel with the Airfield, and about two kilometres from it as the crow flies, he perceived an orange ball in the air just in front of the bonnet of his car. His immediate thought was that it might be some night-exercise by the Air Force, and he drove on.

Then his engine started to misfire, and it seemed to him that the car was moving only very slowly now. In fact his speed had dropped considerably, and meanwhile the "orange ball" was growing bigger and bigger and had come, as he reckoned, to a distance of only about 50 metres ahead of him.

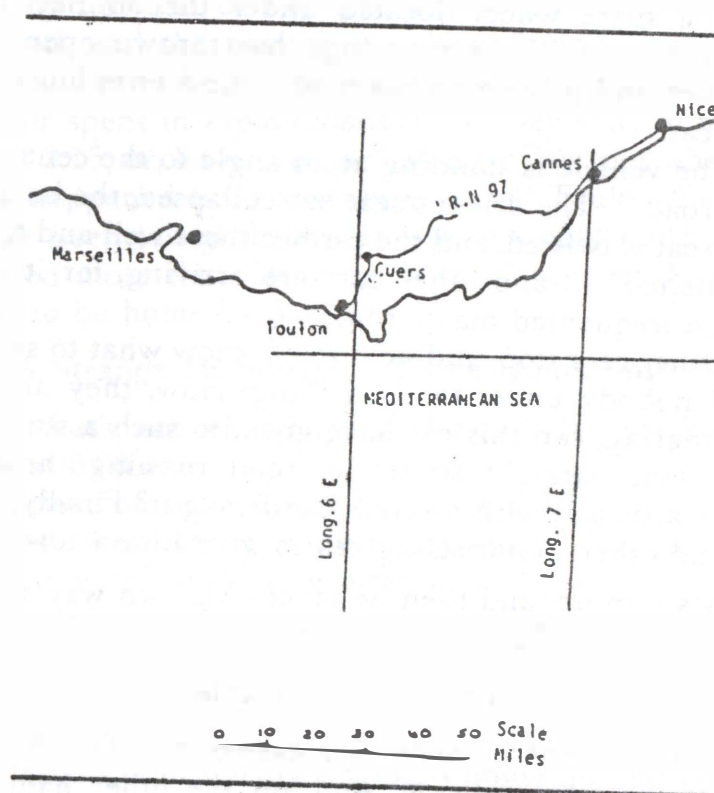
He was now frightened, still thinking that it might

possibly be an aircraft in difficulty that was attempting to land on this very straight piece of road instead of one of the runways of the Military Airfield.

### A "Bungled Delivery?"

Seized now with panic, he jammed on the brakes sharply, but they seemed not to be working at all, even after his engine had stopped. Nor was that all he had to worry about either, for he suddenly realised that he *was no longer on the road*.

In fact the "orange ball", now some 15-20 metres from him, was lighting up vividly the whole country-





side round about, including the interior of his car, with its powerful glow, and the road itself as well ... ah ... the road ... *but the road was below him! That is to say, he and his car were up in the air!*

At what height? He explained later that it was "about as though I was on the roof of a coach ..." There was total silence ... that huge orange light was there, just ahead of him, encompassing him and holding him. Then suddenly the orange light goes out, and the car falls back on to the road.

The night is pitch-dark. That's all.

The motorist is a bit "groggy", to use the English term. He gets out of the car to survey the damage.

The spare wheel (located under the bonnet) has come loose from its moorings, has thrown open the bonnet, and is lying on the road some metres ahead of the car.

The vehicle is standing at an angle to the centre of the road ... The driver's seat has collapsed, the back of the seat is twisted, and the car lies there well and truly "flattened" ... and other cars are arriving, for it is a much frequented major route.

Other cars stop, and he doesn't know what to say ... and nobody understands a thing. How, they are all wondering, can this car have got into such a state on this long, straight stretch of road running through vineyards and with no trees bordering it? Finally, one of the other motorists agrees to give him a tow, and starts him up, and then he makes his own way slowly on back into Toulon.

### Too Scared To Talk

He tells *nobody* about his experience. On the one hand, he fears ridicule. And, on the other hand, he fears to be taken for a madman.

The years pass. He marries his fiancée, and the day

comes when he relates his misadventure to me. He is a difficult witness, very vexed at what has happened to him, and not in the least bit desirous of acquiring notoriety.

Later, I would myself run over his route, and then I would become aware of a point that he himself had not noticed!

Let us run through the facts again.

He leaves Nice at around midnight, and is at the scene of the incident around 1.30 a.m. No problems about that.

At 1.30 a.m. his experience takes place. According to him, it only lasts a few instants — from five to six minutes, so he says.

So, by 1.35 a.m. or 1.36 a.m. the car has fallen on to the road, and the passing motorists find it at about 1.40 a.m. Let us be generous here — let us accept half an hour spent in *explanations*. Then they start to tow him at 2.15, or, let us say, at 2.30 a.m. The spot where it has happened is 25 kilometres out of Toulon. Even had he been towed the whole way, it would not have required more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour. Consequently, he ought to be home by 3.30 a.m.

### A Strange Discovery ... Three Hours Lost

But that's not what happened at all! He got back home at 6.00 a.m.!

So, close on three hours are missing.

Where were those three hours spent? Or, rather, where did *he* spend those three hours?

We could accept that he remained more than five minutes alone on the road before the first passing car stopped. But even this would be completely untrue. On this route, there is an average minimum of thirty vehicles per hour, during the night hours (private cars, trucks, vans, motorbicycles) even in the quieter months, which means on the average one vehicle



every two minutes.

Then it might be argued that vehicles could have passed and their drivers have not seen him. Totally untrue. The *Citroen DS* was no longer aligned along the main circulation stream, and so was impeding the traffic in both directions.

Or it might be argued that the driver could have left Nice *later than midnight*. Totally untrue. His fiancée had to be in the building where she was living by midnight at the very latest. So he left her at about 11.45 p.m. to start on his return journey from Nice. He is very precise on this point.

So ... what then?

What then? Then it must mean that we must admit that the "five or six minutes spent in the air" were longer than he thinks, and that unquestionably they were spent somewhere other than above French National Highway No. 97!

Then again — if that "orange ball" was there with a car "up in the air" above the highway, passengers in other vehicles — even if they didn't see the *Citroen* as they passed under it — would assuredly have seen the "gigantic orange lamp" which, so our witness tells us, bathed him and his vehicle and the whole surrounding countryside in its strange light. Yet nobody reported anything of the sort.

So, if the adventure began at 1.30 a.m., with the car lifted up and the driver seeing the enormous light ahead of him and the countryside and his vehicle vividly lit up and his car suddenly at the height of a coach-roof for several minutes, then both the man and the car must have been taken off to somewhere else for several hours, after which "someone" has returned and put them down there again! This is the only possible explanation.

And, when we explain this to him, the witness agrees. For he has no recollection whatsoever of those three hours. There is a total gap in his memory.

After the passage of several years, and after several other cases where the same story has been enacted in varying scenarios, the experience is simply one more episode in this hunt in which we men are now the hunters, and ... now the prey. (As in this case of our friend today.)

### Hypnosis Suggested

I asked this *prey* ... sorry ... I mean to say this *witness*, if he would consent to put himself in the hands of a psychic researcher who, by putting him into a secondary state, would have been able to get him to reveal what his memory has recorded but refuses to release to his conscious mind. As was done, for example, in the cases of Betty and Barney Hill in the USA, who had an experience that is well known to everyone and which I cite here only from memory. (On the night of September 19-20, 1961, the witnesses were three hours distant from home, returning from Canada, and driving down National Highway 3 through the White Mountains of New Hampshire, when they saw an enormous machine appear in the sky and then land. Fleeing from this "apparition", they entered a thick mist, from which they only re-emerged five hours later. Subsequently they volunteered to be examined under hypnosis by the psychoanalyst Dr Benjamin Simon, in the course of which they revealed that they had been abducted and given very thoroughgoing medical examinations by non-human beings of which the Hills furnished the alarming details.)

### The Witness Backs Out ...

My witness accepted my suggestion straight away, but subsequently displayed little enthusiasm for carrying out the idea. In fact this idea of going back to the past worries him, for he is afraid of what he will learn. He is one of those folk who — and we must understand how he feels — prefer to forget a terrify-



ing adventure.

We must not judge this avoidance of proof as lending any weight towards negating the validity of his story. Quite the contrary. And I myself have frequently found that sincere individuals who have been forced against their will to undergo experiences with non-humans retain a bitter memory of it, and finally come to feel a sense of shame regarding this interlude with the Unknown by which the even tenor of their existence has been violated. This attitude of theirs is one that I respect, for it is an integral part of that sense of personal liberty that, having once suffered unwitting violation, one is not inclined to see subjected to voluntary attack. *The prey that I stalk is the UFO ... not the witness.*

#### NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

While on vacation in Var last year, my wife and I travelled along the stretch of road where this case occurred, and we received the account of it directly from our French hosts, Monsieur and Madame J.B-D. Monsieur J.B-D. had secured the French text, never published before, directly from the author, Jean-Louis Forest, an experienced UFO investigator of more than thirty years standing who was previously a colleague of the eminent French scientist and Ufologist Dr René Hardy, and who is one of the founders of the *Institut Mondial Des Sciences Avancées* (IMSA, *Institute of Advanced Scientific Studies*.)

We are furthermore much indebted to Madame Marguerite B-D., who furnished the basic translation into English, requiring from us only the usual editorial finishing touches.

## ON THE UFO TRAIL

**Paul B. Norman**



During my annual trips across America, one of my most pleasant stopovers is LARAMIE, WYOMING. Located on the continental divide of the North American continent.

Not only is the area peaceful and restful but the people are friendly and go out of there way to make visitors welcome.

At the highest point on the range, near LARAMIE, stands a huge statue of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. One of his statements which revealed his keen insight and wisdom goes as follows;

"YOU CAN FOOL SOME OF THE PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME, SOME OF THE PEOPLE PART OF THE TIME, BUT YOU CANNOT FOOL ALL OF THE PEOPLE ALL THE TIME!".

This clever remark can be applied to Ufology. Some governments have attempted to miss lead the people with regards to UFO's for almost half a century. Many of the officials have, of course, been misleading them selves.

Biased professors and academics have polluted research into the phenomenal events and experiences with their conflicting "explanations".

After reading their thesis and hearing their lectures, one knows no more at the end than at the beginning.



Thousands of words are used to say nothing.

Once each year an interesting conference takes place at the University of Wyoming. It is the ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE on UFO INVESTIGATIONS, sponsored by PARANORMAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION AND INSTITUTES FOR UFO CONTACTEE STUDIES, headed by R.LEO.SPRINKLE, PH.D and JUNE.O.PARNELL, PH.D.

I have had the privilege of attending the conference on several occasions. Much of the conference involves hypnosis sessions which are out of my field, but I am interested in what individuals have to say concerning their UFO experiences.

The purpose of the conference is to provide an opportunity for contactees and UFO investigators to become acquainted and to share information about experiences. It is interesting to note that most of the participants who attend the Rocky Mountain sessions emphasise that Ufonauts are benevolent and their purpose is to assist the human race through difficult times ahead.

These motives are in direct contradiction to another school of thought which is being put forward by other proponents as BUDD HOPKINS, author of "MISSING TIME" and his most recent book, "THE INTRUDERS", in which he theorizes that UFONAUTS are doing genetic operations for their own purpose and against the welfare of mankind.

The perplexing question is why does the Rocky Mountain Conference attract one type and the BUDD HOPKINS school of thought attract the other?

JACKIE BLUE, is one of these participants whom I met several years ago and have discussed the subject a number of times.

Her letter is published herein as an example of one of these experiences which are being reported along the UFO Trail.

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### JACKIE BLUE A PERSONAL ACCOUNT

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In 1973, we moved to Redstone, Colo. I was 20 or 21 at the time, very shy and insecure, and married for one year. I liked the little sleepy town, but the winters were always below freezing and I'm used to heat of the desert of Las Vegas.

One night I was out for a walk. As I was leaving the front yard I looked up to see an orange star. Then it moved very fast over the mountain tops and then dropped behind the mountain and disappeared.

I thought nothing of it at the time. I knew nothing about UFOs, ESP, etc, etc. A week later I had an urge to go out side. It was early evening. I went out and looked at the stars and saw a large white moon rotating clockwise.

It was huge! I ran inside and told my husband to come and look and I grabbed my binoculars. We went back out to look at this strange thing. We stood there looking at the Moon slowly go across the sky spinning clockwise.

Soon a jet came into view and flew behind the moon, and came out leaving the moon behind and that is all I remember.

Soon I was suddenly interested in pyramids, ancient cultures, etc Then came VON DANIKENS book and it mentioned UFOs. Then came my craving for information about UFOs. I couldn't get enough information!

Through the years I was more and more tearing into books and anything about the unknown. I almost lost my husband because of my obsession of the unknown. I would get so depressed some times that I would think about doing my self in!



So in 1981, I read an article on DR.LEO.SPRINKLE. I knew at that moment he was the one I was to seek out and ask him to help me.

Well I did! I made an appointment to see him. He regressed me and this is what came out.

The moon was a bell shaped UFO. Some how when the ship landed in my front yard I didn't seem scared. I saw that my husband had been put in suspended animation.

When the ship opened the hatchway or door a ramp came out. I remember walking towards the ship and up the ramp. I didn't see the little aliens on each side of me, but I knew they were there. They must have beamed down before the ship landed?

Anyway I was led down a hallway into a large room. There were 7 chairs in a half circle and in each chair sat a little alien, the same type of being as TRAVIS WALTON'S and BETTY ANDREASSON'S, except for one, the leader! He was taller by a foot. 4 and 1/2 to 5 foot.

These beings led me to a platform. Then to a black box in the middle. I stood on the black box. Then got off. I just knew what to do! Next I remember standing next to the black box which had raised up.

The 7 little beings sitting in chairs around me just stared at me. I stared back. Next I remembered seeing the leader in the back, motion me to come to him. I walked over to him and he asked me why haven't I been doing my work? He seemed very upset with me!

He then said "You will soon be doing what you are here for". He said "My mission was to help people understand the laws of the Universe and to help the people not to be afraid of the coming new age".

He moved his lips while talking to me. Next he was showing me the control panel and a view screen. Next

I was looking out a window of the ship, and all I can remember was seeing us land on a red desert planet. Next I was walking on this red sand and looking at pyramids floating in the air. They had a life of their own and they shone brightly with life. Their size was about 10 to 12 feet in length, 7 to 8 feet wide.

This is as far as we got under regression.

Since I have been regressed, I have seen many sightings and have missing time. I have the most beautiful and frightening dreams! My ESP has increased a lot! I like being among contactees as it's like being among family!

I hope I'm helping to enlighten some people. A few is better than non. There is more I should be doing, but I'm not sure what it is I'm supposed to be doing? Time will tell.

Well PAUL I'm glad I told you a little about me. There is more, but as you can see this was hard for me to put into words. (The feelings and the experiences should be felt to understand!) They tell the whole story!!

JACKIE BLUE.

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**WORLD NEWS**

## Scientists mull Mars mystery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unusual formations on the surface of Mars — including a mile-long rock shaped like a human face — may have been carved by a lost civilization or could be just "a trick of nature," four scientists said Thursday.

In either case, they said, the mysterious outcroppings demand further scrutiny by spacecraft.

The scientists, including a former astronaut, said that a photograph taken of the Martian surface in 1976 by NASA's Viking spacecraft clearly shows a face that could have been carved out of a Martian mountain a half million years ago.

And the sphinx-like image that stares outward from the planet may be part of a complex, as evidenced by other unusual formations nearby, which was built by a civilization that has since disappeared, the scientists said.

Or, they admit, it could all be "a trick of light and shadow."

Brian T. O'Leary, a former astronaut and an expert on Mars, said there is sufficient uncertainty about the origin of the rock face that it should be a major target for future spacecraft sent to Mars.

"The feature is sufficiently exciting that we must go back to Mars and photograph it at a higher resolution," said O'Leary, speaking by phone to a news conference.

O'Leary said that last January he asked Soviet space scientists who were preparing to send to probes to Mars to examine the area where the face appears. He said the Soviets were interested, but replied that their spacecraft was not technically designed to study the Cydonia region of Mars, where the site is located.

The Soviets launched a probe toward Mars on Thursday and plan to launch a second one later this month.

The news conference Thursday was prompted by a study of the Viking photographs conducted by Mark Carlotto, an optical engineering expert.

In an article published in Applied Optics, Carlotto said that a computer enhancement of the Viking photographs shows that the face and various other nearby features appear to have been carved by "intelligent design" and not by the random forces of nature.

Carlotto said at the news conference that a sophisticated statistical study of the shapes, compared with other outcroppings on Mars, shows that "the face is not natural."

"It's extremely unlikely that it's a trick of light and shadow," said Carlotto.

Richard Hoagland, founder of an organization of scientists called "The Mars Project," said that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration found the face-like stone formation in the Viking photographs more than a decade ago, but dismissed it.

"There is such a bias against something like this that there was no official attention given to this data," said Hoagland.

Hoagland, however, said he has studied the photos for years and has discovered that in addition to the face there is "a complex of unusual objects" that he believes could have been built by "intelligent design."

The complex, which he calls a city, include a five-sided mountain

that resembles a pyramid, a grouping of rocks that he said could be a fortress and a massif that he believes could have been part of an astronomical marker.

Hoagland said that a line drawn from the center of the city, across the face to the massif, or cliff, would line up exactly with the sun at the moment of Mars' summer solstice, as it would have occurred 500,000 years ago. He said Mars has shifted on its axis since and that the solstice angle now is different.

He said the alignment that he has found is unlikely to have been natural.

"Geologically, the odds are one in 300,000 that this would be there by chance," said Hoagland.

Gerald Soffen, the chief of space and Earth sciences at the Goddard Space Center and a mission scientist on the Viking missions, said that NASA scientists spotted the face in the Viking films "but never took it seriously."

"NASA has never taken a position that it is nonsense or science," he said. "But I admit that NASA has not shown much interest."

Soffen said that some of the world's finest geologists have examined the photos from Mars and "even those who were looking for something bizarre never picked up on it. They said what we were seeing is light and shadow."



1976 PHOTO BY VIKING PROBE SHOWS FORMATION



Randolfo Pons, the executive director of The Mars Project, said that members of the organization, whom he did not name, are divided about the origin of the face on Mars.

"Some of our group feel this is a lost civilization," he said. "Others think it is just an interesting geologic formation."

NASA plans to launch an unmanned probe, called the Mars Observer, in five years, and Hoagland said it will have on board

a camera that could settle the question about the origin of the stone features on the planet.

Soffen said that the features could possibly be photographed, but he knew of no firm plans to do so.

"It could be this kind of thing (publicity) that could stimulate someone to point a camera at it," he said. But he added: "I'm not going to spend my time on something like that."

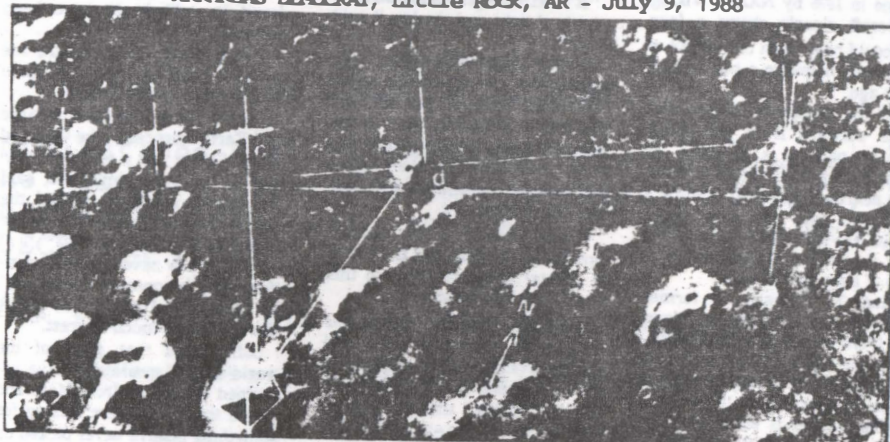
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**MARTIAN FORMATIONS** - Unusual formations on the surface of Mars, including a mile-long rock shaped like a human face, may have been carved by a lost civilization or could be just a "trick of nature," four scientists said Thursday. Features suspected to be of non-natural origin are shown in this photograph taken of the Martian surface in 1976 by NASA's Viking

spacecraft. They are (A) "The City," a collection of features whose major axis is parallel to those of "The Face." (B) "The City Square," at the exact lateral center of "The City." (C) "The Fortress." (D) "The Face," one mile from crown to chin. (E) "The Cliff," perched on the pedestal of a massive crater. (F) The 5-sided "D&M Pyramid."



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# MUFON is ready for any visitors from outer space

By MAX RIZLEY JR.  
The Daily News

**CLEAR LAKE CITY** — It's been awhile — almost seven years, in fact — since the last rash of unidentified flying object sightings around Galveston. That was in October 1981, when the big orange light seen hovering over the isle made news nationwide.

But if the UFOs do come back, John Schuessler and his MUFON volunteers will be ready.

MUFON is short for Mutual UFO Network, a non-profit organization that investigates claims of UFO sightings. Their members include engineers, pilots and astronomers; their methods are scientific and methodical. These are not people you'll find sitting on mountaintops in aluminum-foil hats, talking to Martians.

As a matter of fact, you'll more than likely find Schuessler, MUFON's deputy director for administration, sitting in the office that takes up much of his home's second floor, "talking" to a personal computer.

He and about 50 people cover the Galveston-Houston area, interviewing witnesses of sightings, taking down descriptions of what they see, and calling area airports, military bases and the Goodyear blimp base to make sure they aren't flying anything unusual.

Schuessler and his MUFON colleagues pore over the data, looking for the high-value stuff — multiple-witness sightings, sightings involving animal reactions or interference with electrical equipment, things beyond a vague "light in the sky."

"We try to eliminate the knowns," such as aircraft and astronomical phenomena, "and get it down to the category of the truly unknown," he said.

Some 90 percent of UFO sightings turn out to be identifiable, Schuessler said. "It's generally re-entry debris (the burning remains of old satellites falling back to Earth) or aircraft in unusual positions," he said. "That's pretty easy to track down — it just takes time."

It's that 10 percent of sightings that remain unidentified that keep this sober, silver-haired space operations engineer fascinated with his hobby.

"My personal interest is in cases that are more than just a light in the sky," he said. "I like the cases where there are a number of witnesses, and — I hate to say it — where people are injured. People won't do that to themselves."

Injuries? Oh, yes, Schuessler said. Some people who have been close to a UFO suffer burn injuries, severity varying with proximity. The injuries usually appear to be radiation burns — not the kind one would get from exposure to a radioactive substance, he explained, but rather the sort of injury a high-energy source might cause.

"Something has to cause an injury," he said, explaining the value of such incidents. "If you can get enough data, you can model a range of things that might have caused it. It begins to tell you a little bit about the nature of the object."

Other valuable sightings are those seen by several independent witnesses — such as Galveston's 1981 visitation, which was seen by several policemen as well as civilians, and is thus especially valuable.

"A policeman is a very good reporter," Schuessler explained. "He puts it in distinct, police-report terms — just the facts, as they say."

The UFO scene, at least in Galveston County, is quiet now, although Schuessler says there has been a worldwide upswing in sightings last year. In fact, there was one tumbling light in the sky over Red Bluff Road in Pasadena April 22, watched by a San Jacinto Junior College student and several policemen.

One reason Galveston has been so quiet, Schuessler said, may have more to do with its isolation rather than disinterest on the UFOs' part.

"Galveston's so separated," he said. "Galveston's news stays in Galveston — you have to get it by word of mouth. If you don't get it that way, you don't get it." And, he said, most incidents anywhere go unreported, since the witnesses tend to assume someone else also saw it and will report it.

Schuessler would like to get some volunteers in Galveston County to improve his coverage here. Anyone interested can write him at P.O. Box 58485, Houston, 77258-8485.

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# LETTERS

:Siegmond Podsiadly:

## Part II

### Magnetic fields of Unidentified Flying Objects: Faraday rings around UFOs

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The observer would see oval, perhaps elliptical, rings touching the coil or UFO. From the number of the rings we can compute the current, but not the strength of the magnetic field.

The formula is:

$nI = \text{rotation angle/Verdet constant}$

(ampere-turns = radians/Verdet constant for air and blue light)

The number of rings observed around an UFO are unknown to me; but my conclusions are that the current involved could be  $10^{10}$  ampere or more. This is some orders of magnitude higher than our present technology can achieve.

The results obtained might have some value for astrophysics and basic physics as a magnetic field always accompanies every electric current. As the formulas for the magnetic field involve complicated functions of two complete elliptic integrals, the results might interest also the mathematicians.

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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered — this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

The Society had held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in General Meetings and maintains the largest U.F.O. library in the Southern Hemisphere, making books available by post, to members throughout the Commonwealth.

Membership of this Society — which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere — is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.



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